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Track meet and official's clinic slated for Grafenwoehr

SCHWETZINGEN, Germany – The opening Installation Management Command-Europe track and field meet of the year is scheduled for May 12 at Grafenwoehr, Germany.

“With this being the first meet ever held on Graf’s new track, every participant will have a chance to earn bragging rights of establishing an event record,” said Tom Hlavacek, a training specialist for IMCOM-Europe Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

A full slate of scheduled men and women’s track event include: individual sprints, and middle and long-distance races (100; 200; 400; 800; 1,500; 5000 meters); relays (400 and 1,600 meters); and hurdles. Field events planned are: shot put; long jump; triple jump; discuss; and javelin.

Registration opens 9 a.m. day of the meet, with the first event, the women’s 400-meter relay, starting at 10:20 a.m. Any servicemember, civilian employee or adult family member is eligible to participate.

Additionally, beginning May 9, the Grafenwoehr Sports Complex will host a track official’s clinic with international track clinician Michael Serralta of Puerto Rico.

During the training, Hlavacek said, attendees will be given current rules, proper signaling techniques, points of emphasis, rule changes and procedures, along with a written test and a practical examination.

The Grafenwoehr meet is the initial competition of IMCOM-Europe’s 2007 season, with the championships being held July 28th at Regensburg’s Track Complex, Hohenfels, Germany.

For more information on the meet or becoming a sports official, call Hlavacek at DSN 379-7693; or commercial at 06202-80-7693 (inside Germany) or 49-6202-80-7693 (outside Germany).

Cutline: Runners take off during the 100-meter sprint of last year's Hanau German-American Track and Field Meet. The opening Installation Management Command-Europe track and field meet of 2007 is scheduled May 12 at Grafenwoehr, Germany. Photo by Karl Weisel

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